

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please enter the following amendments without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please cancel claims 1 and 2 and add new claims 21-25 without prejudice or disclaimer.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

In the claims:

Claims 1-2 (Canceled)

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A method of improving photodynamic therapy (PDT) mediated treatment of choroidal neovascularity in a subject comprising providing, ~~[[at]]~~ during a period of about ~~[[six]]~~ three months following an initial PDT treatment, at least two additional PDT treatments to said subject after evaluations for neovascular leakage.

Claim 4 (Original): The method of claim 3 wherein said at least two additional PDT treatments are provided at about 45 days and about 90 days following said initial PDT treatment.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 3 wherein a total of three additional PDT treatments are provided at about ~~[[45]]~~ 30 days, at about 60 days and at about 90 days, ~~and at about 135 days~~ following said initial PDT treatment.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 3 wherein a total of three additional PDT treatments are provided at about 15 days, at about 30 days, at about 45 days, at about 60 days, at about 75 days and at about 90 days, ~~and at about 135 days~~ following said initial PDT treatment.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The method of claim ~~[[1-6]]~~ 3 or 25, wherein the CNV is in a subject afflicted or diagnosed with age-related macular degeneration (AMD).

Claim 8 (Original): The method of claim 7, wherein the AMD is the "wet" form.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The method of claim ~~[[1-07]]~~ 3 or 25, wherein said additional PDT treatments comprise the administration of a photosensitizer (PS).

Claim 10 (Previously Amended): The method of claim 9, wherein the PS is administered at a concentration ranging between about 2 to 8 mg PS per square meter of body surface area of said subject.

Claim 11 (Previously Amended): The method of claim 10, wherein the PS is administered at a concentration of 6 mg PS per square meter of body surface area of said subject.

Claim 12 (Original): The method of claim 9, wherein the PS is a green porphyrin.

Claim 13 (Original): The method of claim 12, wherein the green porphyrin is selected from BPD-DA, BPD-DB, BPD-MA, BPD-MB, EA6, and B3.

Claim 14 (Original): The method of claim 13, wherein the green porphyrin is BPD-MA.

Claim 15 (Original): The method of claim 12, wherein the PS is coupled to a specific binding ligand.

Claim 16 (Original): The method of claim 9, wherein the PS is formulated with a carrier.

Claim 17 (Original): The method of claim 16, wherein the formulation is selected from the group consisting of a liposome, emulsion, or aqueous solution.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): The method of claim ~~[[1-07]]~~ 3 or 25, wherein said additional PDT treatments comprise irradiation with electromagnetic radiation containing wavelengths in the visible light spectra.

Claim 19 (Original): The method of claim 18, wherein the irradiation provides between 12.5 J/cm² and 100 J/cm².

Claim 20 (Original): The method of claim 18, wherein said irradiating occurs between 5 to 30 minutes after administration of a photosensitizer.

Claim 21 (New): The method of claim 3, further comprising providing, during a period of about six months following the initial PDT treatment, another additional PDT treatment to said subject after evaluation for neovascular leakage, wherein a total three additional PDT treatments are provided following said initial PDT treatment.

Claim 22 (New): The method of claim 21, wherein the total of three additional treatments are provided at about 45 days, at about 90 days, and at about 135 days following said initial PDT treatment.

Claim 23 (New): The method of claim 3, further comprising providing, during a period of about six months following the initial PDT treatment, another two additional PDT treatments to said subject after evaluations for neovascular leakage, wherein a total five additional PDT treatments are provided following said initial PDT treatment.

Claim 24 (New): The method of claim 23, wherein the total of five additional treatments are provided at about 30 days, at about 60 days, at about 90 days, at about 120 days, and at about 150 days following said initial PDT treatment.

Claim 25 (New): A method of improving photodynamic therapy (PDT) mediated treatment of choroidal neovascularity in a subject comprising providing, during a period of about six months following an initial PDT treatment, additional PDT treatments to said subject after evaluations for neovascular leakage at intervals of about 60 days.